



# The Northern Lights

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"Curb Service" rehearses for homecoming.

## Homecoming week climaxes with dance

by Bridget Graham

This evening at 7:30 Panther fans will converge on the stadium for one of the most important events of the year—the Homecoming game. The game will be played against the Terre Haute North Patriots at the N.C. stadium.

The Panthers are currently 2-4. The newly formed pom-pom squad, the Pantherettes, will perform after the first and third quarters. At half-time the marching band will play and Colin Forsyth, president of student council, will publicly address the crowd.

At this time, the candidates for Homecoming Queen will be escorted

onto the field, and last year's Queen, Traci Goens, will crown her successor. The candidates are Paige Geddes, Greta Krueger, Shara Ross, Kelli Shrewsbury, and April Taylor.

After the game the senior bonfire will be held on the baseball diamond for seniors and their guests.

Tomorrow night, Saturday the 15th, the Homecoming dance will be held in the student center from 9 p.m. to midnight. The dance is semi-formal, and the theme is "We'll Be Together." The band will be Curb Service; band members are Tad Armstrong, Kevin Anker, Bill Jones, and Jeff Jones.

Homecoming pictures will be taken at the door of the dance. The Homecoming King will be crowned during the dance. Candidates are Tony Barbee, David Bowman, Jules Johnson, Mike Senn, and Aaron Shelby. North Central alumni are welcome at both the game and the dance.

Tickets are being sold during lunch periods for the advance ticket price of \$8, and they will be sold at the door for \$10. One ticket will admit a couple. Also, the Triangle Club's athletic poster, normally \$10, is being sold as a package with an advance ticket for \$15.

## Prelude contestants to perform at recital

by Linda Zynger

The fifth annual Prelude Awards Competition for Indianapolis is now in full swing. This contest is for high school students and allows them to compete in six different categories; dance, drama, instrumental, vocal, art, and literature.

Four North Central students have been selected by our staff to represent our school in the semifinalist round in January. The literature winners are Bridget Graham, Pai-Ling Yin, Paul Jaskunas and Lori Lorenz in poetry, fiction, nonfiction and drama.

On the stage Lynn Barnett, Dzintra Brugman, Jennifer Clippinger and Joshua Prince captured the dance positions. Meryl Hooker, Kelli

Shrewsbury, Jennifer Taybos and Chereese Wills will represent our school in theater at the advanced level.

The musical area was dominated by Suzanne Hsiao, Jennifer Jenkins, Dennis Park and Derek Reeves in instrumental, while Jennifer Carey, Joshua Prince, Kelli Shrewsbury and Eric Thompson sang their way into the next round.

Each of these winners will attend a workshop at the Children's Museum where they will learn valuable information about future Prelude competitions. The final round will take place two weeks after the semifinalists are announced, on January 27. These winners will have their works or pieces displayed at the museum

next June.

Thirty schools from Indiana will each enter 24 students in the first round of competition. The second stage of evaluation begins with only 96 students and the final stage will narrow this down to 24. Each of these scholars will receive \$1000 in scholarship money, while the number one rated student will be commended with \$5000.

The Prelude competition was designed to encourage high school participants to excel in an art related field. It urges young people to produce original works of art and to pursue a talent. The contest offers the immediate incentive of money and state wide recognition for those who advance into the final rounds.

## BSU welcomes students of all cultures

by Tina Poulos

The North Central branch of the Black Student Union, or BSU, is radically changing its focus. Last year the club adopted the slogan "Be Someone Unique!" and this year it is being emphasized that BSU is a club for multicultural awareness which is open to all races and cultures.

The nationwide Black Student Union organization was started in the 1960's because a need was felt on college campuses to have an organization which met the needs of black college students who felt were being neglected. The BSU organization spread to American high schools as

the civil rights movement gained momentum.

The 1988-89 BSU officers (president Lawanda Henry, vice-president Jill Hardin, and secretary Sharnell Johnson) all agree that this change is sorely needed because we now live in an age when people are starting to feel that a person's race, creed, or color is not important.

Although they still plan to have the fashion show and the mixer, the officers stress their desire to have all students involved in the meetings and in the planning of activities. Jill Hardin says, "We want the focus of

BSU to be multicultural, not just black students. We also want to focus more on helping students apply and get into colleges."

BSU has many plans to achieve this goal. They have invited students and staff to club meetings and are attempting to plan activities with other clubs. They also plan to invite speakers to meetings who will interest all students and entice them to attend the meetings.

Miss Brown, the BSU adviser, says, "We want the students of N.C. to realize that BSU is open to anyone."

## SAT scores drop

by Paul Jaskunas

North Central's 1987-88 average SAT score fell 20 points from the average of the previous year— from 915 to 895 (nine points below the national average). Indiana scores overall declined four points whereas the national average dropped only two points.

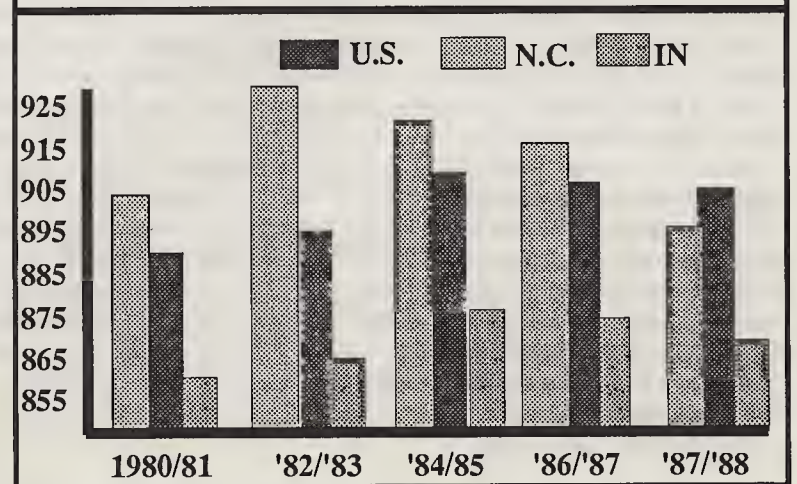
N.C.'s dramatic plunge may largely be due to a major increase in the number of seniors taking the test, suggests head counselor Miss Laycock. Six hundred and sixty-one members of the class of 1988 (74%) took the SAT— 98 more students than in the previous class. Statewide, interest in aptitude tests is growing as well; 3,026 more students took either the SAT or an Achievement Test than last year. This is most likely directly related to the lower scores. However, Indiana

is nineteenth out of the 22 states that administer the SAT and has been since 1984. The statistics, says State Superintendent of Schools H. Dean Evans, prove the necessity for the A+ Program.

Despite Indiana's low ranking North Central scores have historically been somewhat superior to the rest of the country's. This year was the only time this decade in which N.C.'s combined average dipped below the national average.

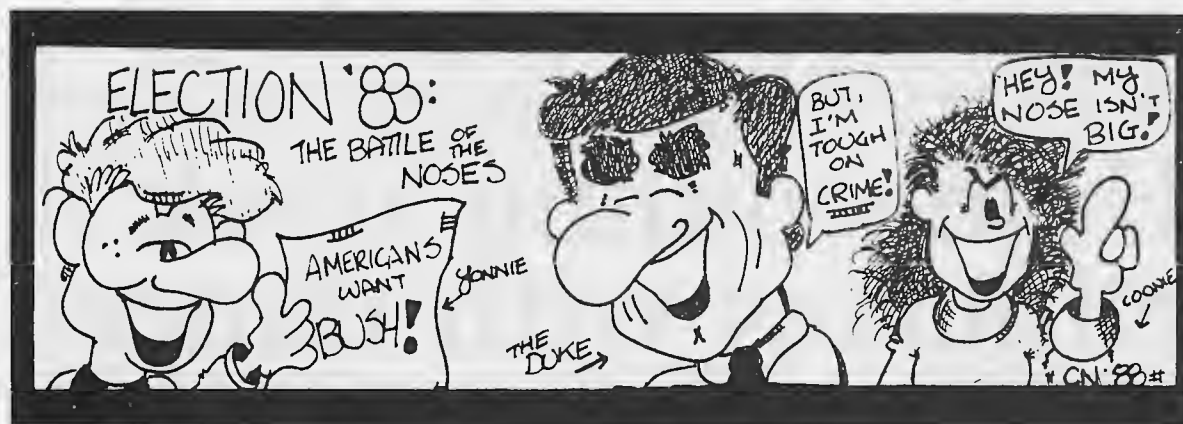
Miss Laycock urges students who plan to take the SAT to read as much as possible and to take advantage of everything North Central has to offer academically. In addition, special computer programs, SAT courses, and books are available to help students prepare for the test.

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# Editorial



## "In Our Opinion"

by Paul Matthew Yonover and Caroline C. Coons

*As the Presidential Election nears, the media is all full of hype and hysteria, praising and blasting each candidate, inspecting and exposing the poor souls who enter the race to serve his country. Caroline "Coonie" Coons and Paul "Yonnie" Yonover plan to join that ever-so growing band-wagon of political "experts" and "critics."*

YONNIE: I would like to start off with this disclaimer: I THINK BOTH CANDIDATES [Bush and Dukakis] STINK!!! THEY BOTH REEK! THEY ARE A BUNCH OF OLD NERDS WITH THEIR HEADS UP WHERE THE SUN DOESN'T SHINE!!!!

COONIE: Where exactly would that be, Yonnie?

Y: I can't say in print, due to prior restraint. Anyway, I'm glad I got that off my chest.

C: What chest?

Y: Come on, we're no Travis and Seymour. By the way, what is a Coonie — something you get on your neck after a date?

C: What the heck is Yonnie?!? Sounds like a fatal disease!

Y: Back to the task at hand...what is your opening impression of the Republican and Democratic candidates?

C: Impression, hey? From a rational, controlled point of view I'd have to say there doesn't seem to be much hope in either candidate, but that's obvious. We have rigid conservatism versus die-hard liberalism and not much in between, specifically open mindedness. Let's face it, the world doesn't exist in black and white. My conclusion: We need a gray candidate with a lot more of a personality.

Y: If I were to take sides, I would have to go with Bush. He and Quayle are the lesser of the two evils! I am impressed with Bush's experience in Washington and in basically all aspects of government service: CIA director (by the way, they don't take whimps for this job), UN delegate, Envoy to China, V.P. (a job I can really relate to) for 8 years, and Senatorial experience. The Duke can't match this record. In general, I find myself aligned with the Republican party. I liked Reagan for the most part. No one can disagree when I say that the country has had the longest sustained period of growth since the Big One: WWII. The nation may, though, be in decline, but not because of Republican policies. I support the contra movement only because they are fighting communists. I sympathize with the Afghan rebels. I also support Israel, and the Republicans have realized that Israel is the closest ally we have or ever will have in the Middle East and it is the only democracy and area of stability, in that region. For these few reasons I like the GOP. Another good reason to dislike Presidential Democrats of recent years is the CARTER ADMINISTRATION. Oh, they did a real good job, didn't they? We were in political, economic, and military SHAMBLES when that peanut-farmer was done! And the Democrats put him in office!

C: Can I talk now?!?

Y: Be my guest...

C: Experience says a lot, but not all. I think this country needs some new leadership, new initiative, a revival. I don't doubt Bush's qualifications, but I can't help but wonder what's going to happen with the Supreme Court if the Republicans get in again. Perhaps Bush is the better man. Sure, it's mine to pass judgement, but I won't. I'm not too much into mud slinging. But, there's only so much conservatism one can take and I can't take much. I'd like to see the liberals given a fair shake. The glory of this country lies in the diversity of our people, but especially in the diversity of thought and opinion. The two factions of this country, namely the Republicans and Democrats, are more important to the strength of this country than given credit. They balance each other out and help allow, by means of Darwin's law of survival of the fittest, for the very best to prosper. At least this is the ideal, even if it's not adhered to genuinely, but what's absolute? Strong, skillful leaders are also essential. This country needs someone who can delegate, motivate, communicate, and lead. We need some energy, not another deadbeat or deadweight for that matter.

Y: I think everyone should vote for NONE OF THE ABOVE. If not, vote for Bush. At least he never freed some blood-thirsty murderer so they could kill once again, like our friend, the Duke.

C: Always, it's a matter of opinion, Yonnie. I say we just tell our readers to do what their conscience tells them. It's simple, open-minded, and non-restrictive. Anyway, isn't that what life's supposed to be about?

Y: We'll get philosophical another day, Coonie. Let's just stick with the task at hand.

C: Seems as if that task has been completed.

Y: Yeah, I guess it looks that way.

C: The mind's a curious thing.

## Teenagers denied freedom of speech, press in schools

by Tanya Marsh

The first amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America guarantees the freedom of press. One would assume that since teenagers are citizens, they would receive that protection under the Constitution. Sadly, that is not the case.

Last year, the Supreme Court ruled prior restraint to be constitutional. It may have appeared to be just another court case to some, but to those involved in high school journalism, it was a crushing blow. Prior restraint means that the administration may censor high school papers if it finds something it dislikes in an issue. So much for freedom of the press.

The Northern Lights is lucky. Mr. Roach has stated that he will not exercise prior restraint unless unforeseen problems arise. But what about all of the rest of high schools across the country? Most now have to hand over a copy of their paper to the principal before it is published. And what would happen if NC got a new principal? Would the paper still be free from prior restraint? That would depend upon the whim of the administrator.

The freedom of speech is also guaranteed in the first amendment. But Article I of the "North Central High School Statement of Students' Rights and Responsibilities" states: "Students have the right to freedom of speech as set forth in the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States as long as it does not interfere with school purposes or educational functions."

Who is to determine what kind of expression interferes with school activities? Can the students trust their decisions? Do we have any choice? Where does it say in the first amendment that schools have the right to limit free expression on such an arbitrary basis?

These are all questions that should concern all high school students. Just because the administration of North Central has not substantially limited the freedoms of speech and press yet does not guarantee that those freedoms will always be protected. Just because your rights may not have been infringed yet does not mean that you should ignore this situation.

The sad, plain fact is that the Supreme Court have decided that high school students are somehow limited in their constitutional rights. Is this freedom?

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# Insights

## Electoral College may be outdated election process

By Laura Galloway

On December 18, 1988, the representatives from the electoral college will meet in their state capitals. Each elector will cast one vote for a presidential nominee, and one vote for a vice-presidential nominee. The outcome of these votes are then sent to the president of the U.S. Senate.

An elector votes for the presidential nominee in most cases, but he or she is not bound to vote for their party. The electoral college is a winner take all situation- and for this

reason, it hardly seems the just way to decide an election. In 1824, Andrew Jackson got 37,000 more popular votes than John Quincy Adams but he did not have enough electoral votes to win the election. This scenario manifested itself in several other elections as well. In 1876, a Democrat named Samuel Tilden got 250,000 more votes than Rutherford Hayes, but he lost 22 electoral votes to Hayes. As a result, Hayes became the president of the United States, by

a single electoral vote. Some other presidents that have been elected despite the lack of the majority of the popular vote include Abraham Lincoln (1860), Woodrow Wilson (1912 and 1916), Harry Truman (1948), and Richard Nixon (1968). All of these men received the majority of the electoral votes, but not the popular votes.

In order to win the 1988 election, the presidential and vice-presidential candidates will have to receive 270

of the 538 total electoral votes. Because the electors vote by states, it is very difficult to forecast who will win in 1988. Some states are heavily seeded with the Democratic vote, some with the Republican.

But with the electoral college, it is always possible that the 1988 election could turn out the same way as the elections in the past where popular votes were not true to electoral votes.

The Electoral College is an un-

democratic system. There have been several attempts to change the system, but to no avail. But what about a solution? Says Bruce Blomberg of the Social Studies department, "the weakness of the electoral college is the winner take all results. If it were to change, I'd be in favor of a proportional vote."



## Electoral College still considered fair

By Brad Evans

There is much controversy surrounding the Electoral College. This controversy seems to show itself in the news at least once every four years, causing people to ask why they can't elect the president themselves.

According to political scientists the answer is a simple one. They say that it is not practical for each and every person to choose directly, who the president should be. Under our current form of government certain limitations must be made on the people in the interest of the general good. They go on to say that the

problems which would arise from alternatives to the current system would far outweigh the advantages.

Dick Pawelek of "Senior Scholastic," a periodical for high-school students, says, "Critics of the Electoral College are always coming up with nightmare thoughts about what could happen... Get rid of the Electoral College and then you'll have a real nightmare." Pawelek also states that with the pressures of today's media, it would be impossible for any mistake or "cheating" to occur at any point during the current process.

The first major advantage to the present system is that candidates and parties have to appeal to all of the people in all of the states. If they didn't need each states electoral votes there would be a tendency to ignore states with small electoral votes, and place all of their emphasis on heavy votes in big states. Proponents of the Electoral College say that this outcome would be tragic, but, nevertheless, inevitable if the Electoral System were abolished.

"Most political scientists believe that if we adopted such a system of directly electing the President it would be the death of the two party system," says Thomas J. Reese, an associate editor of "America" magazine. Reese believes that famous people with weak party affiliations could run for President. And, it is not unreasonable to think that any one of those people could very easily attract a 10 percent vote. "If a large number of moderates ran, the final choice during the runoff could be between a right- and a left-wing radical."

One flaw that is apparent to most advocates of the Electoral College, is in the "winner takes all" concept of election. This, however, is not a problem in the College, but rather it is a problem in the state's laws. The states are free to divide up the electoral votes however they like, as Maine has already done. Proponents of the Electoral College believe that this is the only problem needing revision, and that once the states take it upon themselves to revise it, we will be left with a very workable, efficient system.

## Is the Electoral College form of electing the president still needed?



Dana Jones  
Senior

Today the Electoral College is no longer effective in displaying the truly popular vote. People are more politically involved than ever before.



Jay Hill  
Government

With the changes in voting procedures and the appearance of mass media, the Electoral College has become an outdated process.

[Photos by Rick Faude]



# Feature

## Homecoming spirit abounds

by Ann Banta

*"Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm . . . it moves stones, it charms brutes."*

This year's student council will prove this idea to be true during the 1988 homecoming festivities as they move coach potatoes and charms even the toughest football players.

We have already seen the innovative spirit building events like the tricycle race, the jello-eating contest, bed sheet decorations and the "non-chest barers" at the pep session.

Now we look to tonight's football game against Terre Haute North and the dance tomorrow night in the student center.

Student Council Social Committee chairman, Krista Mart met with her committee two to four times a week since the beginning of school to design posters, find photographers, order tickets and make decorations. They also decided on the theme for this year's homecoming dance—*"We'll Be Together"* as in the song by Sting.

Thanks to the hard work of Mart's committee, the student center will come alive with live trees, Christmas lights, stars and balloons in the theme colors of silver and mauve.

The main goal of the council this year is to get people involved and boost school spirit with events like the Woodstock Revival. This gave the student body a chance to choose their homecoming band unlike the previous councils that made all of the

decisions themselves.

"Homecoming makes people feel like a part of a group. It makes the school seem smaller," commented Mart.

The Panther Youth Corps is another group that formed this year in order to improve Student Council sponsored events. These students will do the "dirty work" for tomorrow's dance.

"The Youth Corps will be on ladders from 8 a.m.-5p.m. on Saturday hanging stars, stapling and decorating," Mart remarked.

The dance is expected to attract at least 200 people, and the council's committee chairs predict that they will break even with ticket sales.

The people that have worked so hard on this year's homecoming are hoping that students will leave the dance with a new feeling of school spirit and a new confidence in the Student Council.



Homecoming King and Queen candidates: Top: David Bowman, Jules Johnson, Tony Barbee, Aaron Shelby, Mike Senn. Bottom: Kelly Shrewsbury, Greta Krueger, April Taylor, Shara Ross, Paige Geddes.

## Homecoming ... the ideal

*Homecoming is the night that will be remembered forever. The Northern Lights surveyed a vast number of seniors as to what their perfect date would be.*

I would prefer that my date be female with at least 20% of her teeth. If I'm lucky, I would hope that she would dance with me at least for the first three cords of any song, even the national anthem

Craig Harden

Wanted: a bohemian, nouveau-riche kinda dude who is not overly obsequious or clairvoyant.

Ruthie Culbertson

My ideal date is a short pig nose young man who wears his grandfather's ROTC uniform. He picks me up in a carriage steered by two white polar bears. He blows a bugle to let me know he has arrived and lastly, a red rose to show that he cares.

LaChelle Ford

My ideal date would be taller than me, better looking, richer, and more charming than myself, yet he would like me all the same.

Robin Melrose

A fun loving, humorous partier who has no qualms about jello wrestling.

Brennen Florey

Elle MacPherson.

Shane Cohen

My ideal homecoming date is someone who is of the opposite sex and hopefully can dance. If he/she has two left feet this person is more than likely not my date.

Anonymous



by Susie Mattler and Chris Nimz

Halloween. It means different things to different people (and some of us, especially Chris, really don't care.) That well known resource book, *The World Book Encyclopedia* gives it's own over-simplified definition. It is "Halloween is a festival that takes place on October 31. In the United States children wear costumes on Halloween and go trick-or-treating. Many carve jack-o-lanterns out of pumpkins. Halloween parties feature such activities as fortune-telling, storytelling about ghosts and witches, and bobbing for apples."

And now for our version of the story...the real version. They got the first part right, it does take place on October 31, but it could hardly be classified as a festival. It's more like a release of tensions by those deemed mentally unstable or otherwise known as the residents of Huntington, Indiana, (home of Dan Quayle who can be considered mentally

unstable.) The children dress up in festive costumes that they purchased from Target and then parade around the city like deranged perverts. Well, isn't that nice.

Jack-o-lanterns carved out of pumpkins?! Of course you carve them out pumpkins, what else are you gonna carve them out of—tomatoes?! And Halloween parties?! Oh, excuse us if we don't dance for joy about apple-bobbing, but, personally we prefer being kicked in the head with an iron boot. And storytelling, get real—this is the 80's. Our preference would be to hear about what Plain Jane and Rod Average were doing rather than hearing "the Hookman Story" for the thousandth time.

How could the World Book forget about candy?! After Halloween and until Thanksgiving most kids under the age of ten will be in a sugar coma. Then of course there are the select few that obtain candy laced with

cyanide. But of course there are a few kids that deserve it, and the world would probably be better off without them!

So that about does it for this Halloween, so don't do anything we wouldn't do, however, that doesn't leave much (especially in Susie's case!)

Attention NORTH CENTRAL !!

We have recently been subjected to a veritable myriad of insults concerning the name of our column. And we must say that we are very offended. However, if you think that you can come up with a better name, leave a suggestion in G609 (that's the Newspaper Office) But keep in your tiny little minds that nothing obscene will be used. But submit them anyway for the enjoyment of the staff. If a winner is chosen, you may receive a prize, but, unfortunately neither of us is the prize. Thank you and have a day.

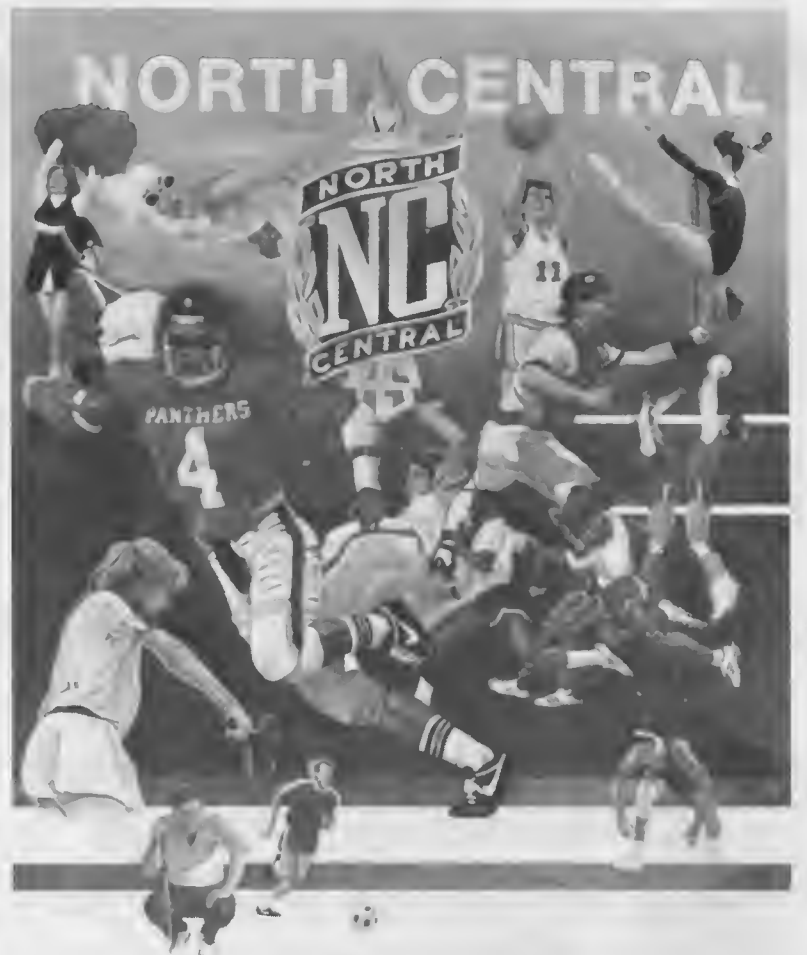


photo by Charles Wong

On October 14 the Athletic Boost Club will be introducing their new All-Sports poster to the school. The poster depicts athletes representing all fifteen sports at NC. Steve Parson, a 1982 North Central graduate de-

signed the poster. The poster will be on sale on the steps of the auditorium during the lunch hours. For students purchasing Homecoming dance tickets there will be a package of a poster and dance ticket for \$15.00. The regular price of a poster will be \$10.00.

# Sports

## N.C., T.H. North clash tonight

By Kirk Johannessen

Tonight, the North Central Panthers will host Terre Haute North in their annual Homecoming game. The game should feature a clash of styles and prove to be quite a struggle.

The Panthers will send a very young squad against a team which features the younger brother of Indiana's Anthony Thompson. Thompson is the sort of runningback that can bust a big gain at anytime. Even though he could prove to be a tough task for the Panther defense, he is not their biggest concern. The biggest challenge for the Panther defense will be to stop Terre Haute North's wide open passing game.

"We will have to take away their deep and out cuts and stop their mis-

direction runs," stated Coach Pappas. If the Panthers can slow down Terre Haute North's passing game and contain Thompson for reasonable yardage, then the Panthers should have a good shot at winning.

The team should not rely on the defense to carry the workload. The offense will have to be able to consistently move the ball down the field and into scoring range. This task rests in the hands of quarterback John Hale, who must be poised for the game. Hale will have the benefit of a trio of explosive backs, not to mention a gifted receiver. Dontonio Nibbs, Kevin Woods, Mike Brown and Aaron Shelby will all start and should help mix the run and pass well enough to move the ball effectively.

The Panthers have proven them-

selves to be a capable squad at both ends of the field, and have a very good shot at winning tonight. On the other hand, there are some factors that could deny the team a victory. The Panthers will have to be fundamentally sound and not make many mistakes. The team must be able to establish the run well enough to open up the passing game. Also, since they are young, they must keep their calm and show self-discipline. "I hope the team does not feel the pressure of the game," stated Pappas, "but I want them to feel the importance of it."

Although the team's record is not the best, it is not truly indicative of how far the Panthers have come. Tonight the Panthers will have the chance to show their improvement.



Seniors Tim Denny (5) Mike Senn (25) and junior Walter Nelson try to recover a fumble in the Bem Davis game.

Photo by J. Kaminker

## Girls' soccer hopes to reach final four

By Brett Henry

After reaching the final four a year ago, the girls' soccer team is looking to return this season. So far the team's performance, although shaky at times, rightly indicates that the Panthers are on the right track.

Although the squad has played some great soccer, their play has been marked by some inconsistency. Right now the Panthers are going through a slump, having not won in their last four outings. Even so, their overall record remains at 5-5-2. The team defeated Carmel 3-2 early in the season in possibly the best effort to date.

First year head coach Barry Brownhill's Panthers are led by seven seasoned seniors. They are Betsy Albright, Zoe Abdul, Danielle Bosso, Rachelle Bonaker, Mari McDonald, Erin Newton and Joanne Stuart. Two players in particular, co-captains Abdul and McDonald, play a large part in the team's success. Abdul, last year's best defensive

player in the final four, anchors the defense from sweeper and all-state tournament performer McDonald keys the offense.

Other members include Holly Cunningham, Melissa Kemple, Kirstey Claffey, Vicki Crawford, Jenny Lautzenheiser, Maura Sherman, Shaina Ettinger, Erica Oliver, Shannon Denny and Jenny Rizzo. Sophomore Ettinger is among the team's top scorers and goalkeeper Rizzo has saved a number of games.

The Panther goal is to proceed to the final four and win the state title. Senior Betsy Albright comments "We have a pretty good shot if we can pull together and play as well as we can possibly play, on our squad's chances. Team unity will need to be utilized in order to guarantee success.

Traditional powerhouses Evansville Memorial and South Bend Adams will present tough challenges to the fairly young team. The Panthers start their quest tomorrow as regional beginners.

## Spikers continue successful season

By Greg Akers

According to Head Coach Renee South, the girls' volleyball team has had a "successful" season so far as they strive to accomplish their goals of having a 25 win season and going to semi-state.

"They're playing very well right now and as long as they maintain it, they'll be able to accomplish their goals," commented Smith.

Led by senior co-captains Karen Bush and Laura Diehl, the 14-7 Panthers were riding a seven game winning streak before losing to Ben Davis in the county finals. Jenny Barnes, Jennifer James, Colleen

Stephens and Joni Terrel round out the list of seniors on this very experienced team. Juniors Amy Harlor and Jennifer McCarthy add depth while sophomores Suzi Spears and Betsy Zimmerman gain valuable experience.

The Panthers are looking forward to the sectionals, which take place next Wednesday, October 19. "We've had a pretty good season," added Bush, "but we will find out how good we are come sectionals. We have to develop some consistency or else we won't go as far as we should."

## Terry sets new cross country record

Although the boys' cross country team is not doing as well as it did last year, there have been some highlights. Junior Andrew Terry set a new school record of 15:38 recently. As of press time, the top runners were led by junior Jim Pearce and followed by juniors Bob

Keedy, Terry and Erik Powers.

The team heads into sectionals at Pike tomorrow hoping to fare well. If they qualify runners, they then go onto regionals, semi-state, and hopefully will end their season at the state meet at South Grove Golf Course.



Sophomore goalkeeper Jenny Rizzo stops Mindy Boehke's shot in practice. Photo by J. Kaminker

## The Press Box by Patrick Mulry

## Panther netters demolish Carmel with intensity

October 3- North Central versus Carmel. That phrase brings hate to docile people, puts fire into other-wise gentle eyes. To use one of the nicer descriptions, it was "Panthers vs. Puppies." In what had to be one of the most emotionally charged matches ever, the NC boys' tennis team defeated Carmel 4-1.

In a school that is otherwise devoid of spirit, an overflow of such occurred at the tennis courts. Over 1,000 people packed not only the

bleachers, but took up all standing area to watch as the mighty NC tennis team thrashed the defending state champs. NC fans cheered between points. Carmel fans cheered between points. The intensity level in the stands was higher than many had ever seen before. Senior Tom Wiese was the most intense tennis player on the courts. Even if the point wasn't seen, a person could look at Tom and know if he won the point by the look on his face. His intensity carried over

to his doubles partner, junior Mike Ricafort, as they easily downed their opponents 7-5, 6-4.

This is the way sports should be, not a meager one hundred fans, composed of moms and dads, but one made of thousands of fans. A crowd that roots on their team was at the Tennis House. That kind of intensity in the stands can win matches for teams.

Intensity won the clutch points for the tennis team. Senior David Held won the number two singles, 6-3, 6-2,

with intensity, winning some points on sheer determination, others with pure skill. The number two doubles team, composed of senior Tag Birge and junior John Baxter, dismantled their opponents in two sets, 6-3, 6-3. Combined with skill, intensity carried them. Sophomore Erik Barrett shredded his opponent 6-0, 6-2. Only junior Mike Hopkinson lost his match, winning the first set 7-5 and losing the last two 6-2, 6-2. After NC won the first three

matches, guaranteeing it a win, Hops kept playing to win. Defeated but not beaten by defending state singles champ Rick Witsken, Mike played a fine match.

In what is generally regarded as the "real" state championship, NC showed their mettle. The win was not composed of one thing, but many. NC proved why it will be state champs this year, and made many a fan proud to call themselves a Panther.



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## Do you have school spirit?

### Spirit Quiz:

Are you an active member of North Central High School? Do you care about your Panthers? Do your actions reflect positive feelings towards your school? Take this quiz and find out.

- 1) When it comes to the school song, you:
- sing it faithfully every morning in the shower
  - join in with others at games and pep rallies
  - couldn't even hum the tune
  - pick your nose out of sync

- 2) How often do you dress in the North Central school colors?
- only on school colors day
  - what are the school colors?
  - every Friday and to every NC sporting event
  - you wear black and gold (like a dork)

- 3) What do you do with your copy of *The Northern Lights*?
- make it into paper airplane to fly in the lunch room
  - read it from front to back and savour the journalistic expertise of *The Northern Lights* staff
  - glance at the pictures and laugh at the cartoons
  - cannot say due to prior restraint

- 4) When the canned food drive rolls around, you
- bring in one can so that you can say that you made a contribution
  - bring in more cans than your homeroom as a whole
  - don't even make an effort
  - steal from the box

- 5) In your opinion, cheerleaders are
- a vital and successful part of sports at NC
  - nice to look at
  - wasting their energy
  - too flexible

- 7) In Student Council elections
- you follow the campaigns closely and vote for who you feel is the best candidate
  - vote for the best looking candidates
  - usually don't know who is running
  - don't vote

- 9) When you see streamers and posters decorating the halls and student center of North Central you
- glance, smile, and walk on
  - take great pleasure in ripping them down
  - appreciate the display of school spirit
  - feel like tossing up lunch

**Score:** Give yourself the correct number of points.

- 1) a. 3 b. 2 c. 1 d. 0
- 2) a. 2 b. 1 c. 3 d. 0
- 3) a. 1 b. 3 c. 2 d. 0
- 4) a. 2 b. 3 c. 1 d. 0
- 5) a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 0
- 6) a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 0
- 7) a. 3 b. 2 c. 1 d. 0
- 8) a. 2 b. 1 c. 3 d. 0
- 9) a. 2 b. 1 c. 3 d. 0
- 10) a. 2 b. 3 c. 1 d. 0

### How do you rate?

27-30 points: School is not just an everyday experience for you. You are an extreme asset to North Central. Your positive feelin towards NC are reflected in everything that you do.

18-26 points: You constitute the bulk of the students at North Central. You seem to care about North Central, but perhaps you should try to become more involved with school activities. You have potential.

Less than 18 points: School is the last place that you would ever want to be. It is a shame that you don't have more pride in North Central. Maybe you should find the root of your feelings and attempt to alter them. School is what you make of it and you aren't trying very hard to make it an enjoyable experience.



- 6) You attend North Central plays and musical programs
- never
  - whenever you can get extra credit for going
  - because you appreciate the talent of North Central students
  - when your mom and dad kidnap you and force you to go

- 8) What do you usually purchase from the NC bookstore?
- any textbooks that you have lost
  - Kleenex tissue
  - North Central pencils and paper with which you do your homework every night
  - nothing; you can't find the bookstore

- 10) Your good friend plays for a team sport at a rival school. When North Central plays this team you...
- refuse to go to the game because you won't choose sides
  - root for North Central all the way
  - hope that your friend's team wins
  - you sit and cry for an hour

